Air India	
Delhi-Surat-Deihi	4 flights/week
Kingfisher Airlines	
Ahmedabad-Surat-Ahmedabad	Dairy

Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.

(e) Part Terminal Building has been put into operation from 6.5.2007. The Terminal Building Phase-I shall be fully operational from April, 2008.

Facilities for physically challenged passengers

†1867. SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI RUDRAN ARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

whether there is any provision for additional facilities to the physically challenged air passengers at airports and in the aircrafts;

if so, the-details of such facilities;

whether these facilities are being provided to physically challenged passengers with some charge or they are provided free of cost; and

the agency responsible to ensure that facilities meant for the physically challenged air passengers are being provided to them or not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and b) Yes, Sir. The facilities provided to the physically challenged air passengers, *inter-alia,* include ambulifts for embarkation, wheel chairs, special assistance for toilets, elevators, ramps in terminal and kerb side, parking slots in the car parking area etc.

These facilities are provided to the physically challenged passengers without any charge. However, Airports Authority of India charges for ambulift facility as per their prescribed rates.

Airlines, ground handling agencies and airport operators are responsible for providing these facilities.

Restructuring of ATC

1868. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Traffic Controller (ATC) services, which is the most earning unit of the Airports Authprity of India (AA1) may be hived off as a part of the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.